

when two different people look at a house and one says it's deteriorating and the other says standard. It was precisely for this reason that such a classification system was eliminated in the 1970 Census. (Incidentally, this writer and the Selma Code Enforcement Officer spent several days classifying these structures.)

Another plausible explanation would be that some deteriorating structures have had improvements made and are now classified as standard. And the third most reasonable explanation--particularly for the substantial decrease in dilapidated structures--would be the impact of the Neighborhood Development Program (and the subsequent removal of blighted housing) and the elimination of substandard structures in the code enforcement program. The former has been working in an area of approximately 50 acres in the southeastern quadrant of the town and has been responsible for the elimination of between 10 to 20 acres of blighted housing while the latter has cleared a little over 21 acres of substandard housing. (See Map 1 for a pictorial display of housing unit locations within the planning area.)

While mobile homes still continue to be somewhat of a problem, the number has actually declined to 51 whereas there were 55 within the town in 1970. These units make up 3.7 percent of the residential structures within the corporate limits. Within the extraterritorial area though, the picture is considerably different with a total of 153 of the 350 structures (and units) being mobile homes (43.7 percent). Within the planning area is a combined total of 204 such units or 11.7 percent of the residential structures. Slightly over one-third of these structures are located in two trailer parks alongside U. S. 301 north.

In the category of public housing, the 75 additional units that had been funded in 1970 have been built; when added to the 108 already in existence, the result is the present 183. A recently submitted Section 8 proposal for 100 additional units has just been approved. When construction is complete, expanded housing options for many of the elderly and handicapped on the waiting list for apartments will be available.

Most of the deteriorating and dilapidated housing within the town is concentrated in the southern portion south of the Southern Railway lines. The following table depicts the various classifications in four established quadrants of town.